



Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous groundhog, has predicted an early spring, although the blizzard from last week may delay it somewhat. While the temperatures finally rose above freezing, another potential winter storm is waiting for the weekend.

NEWSFLASH!! The Ecozone Feasibility Study has been completed and can be found on the website for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Go to: http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/lare_reports.html. When you arrive, scroll down to Tippecanoe and click on the report. As soon as possible we will include this link on the Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners (LTPO) website. This report was an outgrowth from LTPO applying for a Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant for aquatic weed management. The DNR mandated LTPO do an Ecozone Feasibility Study as part of the aquatic weed management program. As with all LTPO aquatic programs, the underlying factor is to be proactive in enhancing and preserving clean waters in our lakes. As a result from a motion passed by the LTPO board of directors during the January 2007 meeting, a well publicized public meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 9:30 A.M. The meeting will take place at the North Webster Community Center and will have representatives from Williams Creek Consulting to discuss the contents of the Ecozone Feasibility Study. In addition, DNR staff members will be present to gather public comment and answer any and all questions. Please mark your calendars and be part of the process!!

Speaking of aquatic weed management, everyone should have received information on the new aquatic weed program that LTPO is sponsoring this year. Thus far the response from our residents has been most gratifying. Please consider participating monetarily as soon as possible so LTPO knows what funding we have available for both herbicide programs and educational and preventative programs. Checks or credit cards may be used and the funds directed to LTPO or Tippecanoe Environmental Lake and Watershed Foundation (TELWF). Money directed to TELWF is tax deductible and will be sent back to LTPO. Thanks for everyone's support.

This past month LTPO has seen the positive results of a past lake enhancement program. Sediment traps that were constructed as part of the Hannah B. Walker project are nearly full. The sediment will be removed for disposal, which will allow these traps to continue to prevent top soil from entering our lakes. Only by being proactive and having volunteers with foresight can LTPO have a positive impact on our lakes' water quality. This benefits both current lake users as well as future generations.

Please visit the LTPO website (www.ltpo.org). Jim Hayes deserves our thanks for improving the site. Look for future enhancements including agendas for upcoming LTPO board meetings.

8 more weeks till the skiing begins!

Mark Ennes, LTPO President